

SENATE BILL No. 90

DIGEST OF SB 90 (Updated February 21, 2007 3:12 pm - DI 104)

Citations Affected: IC 25-13; IC 25-14.

Synopsis: Dental hygienists. Allows a dental hygiene student to administer dental anesthetics during an educational course on the practice of dental anesthetics if the course is supervised by a dentist and conducted at an approved school.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
February 22, 2007, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.





First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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- SECTION 1. IC 25-13-1-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 10.5.** A student pursuing a course of study in dental hygiene may administer dental anesthetics during an educational course on the practice of dental anesthetics if the course is:
 - (1) supervised by a dentist trained in the administration of dental anesthetics; and
 - (2) conducted at a school described in section 6(2) of this chapter.
- SECTION 2. IC 25-14-1-23 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 23. (a) A person is practicing dentistry within the meaning of this chapter if the person does any of the following:
 - (1) Uses the word "dentist" or "dental surgeon", the letters "D.D.S." or "D.M.D.", or other letters or titles in connection with dentistry.

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1	(2) Directs and controls the treatment of patients within a place	
2	where dental services are performed.	
3	(3) Advertises or permits to be advertised by sign, card, circular,	
4	handbill, newspaper, radio, or otherwise that he can or will	
5	attempt to perform dental operations of any kind.	
6	(4) Offers to diagnose or professes to diagnose or treats or	
7	professes to treat any of the lesions or diseases of the human oral	
8	cavity, teeth, gums, or maxillary or mandibular structures.	
9	(5) Extracts human teeth or corrects malpositions of the teeth or	
10	jaws.	
11	(6) Except as provided in IC 25-13-1-10.5, administers dental	
12	anesthetics.	
13	(7) Uses x-ray pictures for dental diagnostic purposes.	
14	(8) Makes impressions or casts of any oral tissues or structures for	
15	the purpose of diagnosis or treatment thereof or for the	
16	construction, repair, reproduction, or duplication of any prosthetic	
17	device to alleviate or cure any oral lesion or replace any lost oral	
18	structures, tissue, or teeth.	
19	(9) Advertises to the public by any method, except trade and	
20	professional publications, to furnish, supply, construct, reproduce,	
21	repair, or adjust any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, or other	
22	structure to be worn in the human mouth.	
23	(10) Is the employer of a dentist who is hired to provide dental	
24	services.	
25	(11) Directs or controls the use of dental equipment or dental	
26	material while the equipment or material is being used to provide	
27	dental services. However, a person may lease or provide advice	
28	or assistance concerning dental equipment or dental material if	
29	the person does not restrict or interfere with the custody, control,	
30	or use of the equipment or material by the dentist. This	
31	subdivision does not prevent a dental hygienist who is licensed	
32	under IC 25-13 from owning dental equipment or dental materials	
33	within the dental hygienist's scope of practice.	
34	(12) Directs, controls, or interferes with a dentist's clinical	
35	judgment.	
36	(13) Exercises direction or control over a dentist through a written	
37	contract concerning the following areas of dental practice:	
38	(A) The selection of a patient's course of treatment.	
39	(B) Referrals of patients, except for requiring referrals to be	
40	within a specified provider network, subject to the exceptions	
41	under IC 27-13-36-5.	
42	(C) Content of patient records.	



1 (D) Policies and decisions relating to refunds, if the refund 2 payment would be reportable under federal law to the National 3 Practitioner Data Bank, and warranties. 4 (E) The clinical content of advertising. 5 (F) Final decisions relating to the employment of dental office 6 personnel.	
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7 However, this subdivision does not prohibit a person from	
8 providing advice or assistance concerning the areas of dental	
9 practice referred to in this subdivision or an insurer (as defined in	
10 IC 27-1-26-1) from carrying out the applicable provisions of	
IC 27 under which the insurer is licensed.	
However, a person does not have to be a dentist to be a manufacturer	
of dental prostheses.	
14 (b) In addition to subsection (a), a person is practicing dentistry who	
directly or indirectly by any means or method furnishes, supplies,	
16 constructs, reproduces, repairs, or adjusts any prosthetic denture,	
bridge, appliance, or any other structure to be worn in the human	
mouth and delivers the resulting product to any person other than the	
duly licensed dentist upon whose written work authorization the work	
was performed. A written work authorization shall include the	
21 following:	
22 (1) The name and address of the dental laboratory to which it is	
directed.	
24 (2) The case identification.	
25 (3) A specification of the materials to be used.	
26 (4) A description of the work to be done and, if necessary,	
diagrams thereof.	
28 (5) The date of issuance of the authorization.	
29 (6) The signature and address of the licensed dentist or other	
dental practitioner by whom the work authorization is issued.	
A separate work authorization shall be issued for each patient of the	
issuing licensed dentist or other dental practitioner for whom dental	
technological work is to be performed.	
34 (c) This section shall not apply to those procedures which a legally	
35 licensed and practicing dentist may delegate to competent office	
personnel as to which procedures the dentist exercises supervision and	
responsibility. Delegated procedures may not include either:	
38 (1) those procedures which require professional judgment and	
39 skill such as diagnosis, treatment planning, and the cutting of hard	
40 or soft tissues or any intraoral impression which would lead to the	

fabrication of an appliance, which, when worn by the patient,

would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissues and which



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1	could result in tissue irritation or injury; or	
2	(2) those procedures allocated under IC 25-13-1 to licensed dental	
3	hygienists.	
4	This chapter shall not prevent dental students from performing dental	
5	operations under the supervision of competent instructors within the	
6	dental school or a university recognized by the board or in any public	
7	clinic under the supervision of the authorized superintendent of such	
8	clinic authorized under the authority and general direction of the board	
9	of health or school board of any city or town in Indiana.	
10	(d) Licensed pharmacists of this state may fill prescriptions of	
11	licensed dentists of this state for any drug necessary in the practice of	
12	dentistry.	



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 90, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 7, delete "an individual" and insert "a dentist".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 90 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

MILLER, Chairperson

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